

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

In the Bay Area, we've seen how deregulation of the media has resulted in more concentration, less variety and expression of fewer viewpoints. In short, deregulation has hurt overall quality of radio, TV and newspapers rather than improve it.

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

I urge the FCC not only to reject the proposed changes, but to consider rolling back media deregulation following the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the \$70 billion giveaway of the digital spectrum.

Thank you,

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